GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:235
ANSWERED ON:30.11.2007
TRIBAL FOREST ACT, 2006
Karunakaran Shri P.

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that a large number of tribals are being evicted from the forest lands due to the non-implementation of Tribal Forest Act, 2006;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government for the proper implementation of the said Act?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KYNDIAH)

(a), (b) & (c): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a), (b) & (C) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 235 for 30.11.2007 asked by Shri P. Karunakaran regarding "Tribal Forest Act, 2006"

(a) & (b): The Government is not aware of any large scale eviction of tribals from the forest lands due to the non-implementation of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006. However, complaints received alleging such eviction of tribal people from forest lands have been sent to the Ministry of Environment & Forests for necessary action.

(c): The Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006, though enacted by the Parliament, has not come into force so far as a notification appointing a date from which the Act shall come into force, as required under Section 1 (3) of the Act is yet to be issued. To carry out the provisions of the Act, the Ministry had pre-published the draft Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Rules, 2007 for seeking comments and suggestions from the public and other stakeholders. The comments received from the public have been examined and the notification of the Act and the rules will take place as soon as all the formalities are completed.